# The Early Childhood Corner



## From the Teachers' Desk

Happy Summer! Child Care is in full swing for the summer program. While the weather hasn't always cooperated, we have done our best to get and/or stay outside as much as possible. The children have enjoyed the sandbox, the playhouse, playing in the pools, or tent library and more. We have even enjoyed circle times and snacks outside as well.

Our themes included: forest animals, camping/ picnic, spiders/ insects, pond/frogs and Independence Day. Withing those themes we have had a Please continue to Teddy Bear picnic, a bug hunt and frog day. We also included Bible stories due to vacations, that taught always provides for our needs, how we can obey God's commands, the power of prayer and sharing God's love with others. We look forward to

more exciting themes and activities as we enter July. As a reminder, we are closed on Friday, July 4th. inform us about days your child will not be attending Child Care camps, etc. as soon as forgiveness, that God possible. This allows us to play staffing accordingly. Happy 4th of July!

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### Summer Activities

Are you looking for fun, easy to arrange things to do with your child this summer? Check out the website listed below. There are ideas for all age levels.

You could try:

Shaving cream and paint fireworks

Shell sorting

Backyard dinosaur dig

Truck painting

Ocean in a box Feather painting

Mad scientist lab

Make an octopus or a jellyfish Mud soup

Make a weather station

www.notimeforflashcards.com/2014/05/50-summer-activities-for-3-year-olds.html

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## Sensory Bins

What are they? Fill a bin with sand, rice, beans, pasta, etc. and add objects to foster creative play as well as exploring different textures..

#### Some ideas:

**Rainbow Bins:** Put an inch or 2 of colored pasta or rice in a bin. Add different sized containers and scoops.

**Shaving Cream Bin:** Put a thick layer of shaving cream in the bin. Swirl food color drops in with a straw, stick, spoon.

Washing Bin: Add some dish soap to wa-

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water. Put in Duplos, plastic animals, toothbrushes, washcloth, etc.

The following are for children who don't put things in their mouth, nose, ears, etc.

**Car Bins:** Layer the bottom with uncooked black beans. Add small cars, thin tube pasta for lane markers; TP tubes; red, yellow, green pompons for light.

Summer Flowers Bin: Layer the bottom with uncooked green split peas. Add tiny pots, flowers, straws & flower sprinkles

**Dinosaur Bin:** Sand on 2 sides, water through the middle, smalls rocks, plastic dinosaurs and trees

Date	Jesus Time Themes	Themes/Special Days	
June 30—July 4		Independence Day	We are closed - Friday, July 4
	3 Men in the Fiery Furnace	Red, White and Blue Day	
July 7-11		On Wisconsin!	
	Samson	Wisconsin Badger Day	
July 14-18	Timothy's Mother & Grandmother	Jungle	
		Safari Day	
July 21-25		Zoo	
	Daniel & the Lion's Den	Stuffed Animal Day	
July 28-Aug. 1	David and Goliath	Exercise/Sports	
		Sports Day	

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